IDEA Budget Software – Open for Fiscal Year 2012

The IDEA budgets for fiscal year 2011-2012 are now available (as are the allocations).

ASSURANCES: IDEA assurance forms have been revised. In addition, there is a new General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) assurance that must be signed and submitted to DPI. We are requesting that LEAs scan signed assurance forms into a pdf and e-mail to dpiidea@dpi.wi.gov.

Later this summer, the IDEA budget software will be upgraded to include a storage area for signed assurances. These assurances are due by **JULY 1, 2011!!** Budgets cannot be reviewed until the assurances have been received. In addition, the start date for expenditures is suspended until the assurances and budget application are submitted.

- Assurance Form (dated 5/11): http://dpi.wi.gov/forms/doc/f3201-assurances.doc
- GEPA Assurances and Certification: http://dpi.wi.gov/forms/doc/f1091.doc
- 2r Charter Assurance Form (dated 5/11): http://dpi.wi.gov/forms/doc/f3201-assurances-2r.doc

There were only a couple of major changes made to the budget software:

1. Licensable positions employed by the district will require license numbers when added to the grant budget.
2. All non-capital equipment must now include a category of equipment, specific type of equipment, number of units and assurance that the non-capital equipment is for special education instruction or related services.

A very helpful two-page document with tips and reminders for working with the new fiscal year can be viewed here: www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/fy12-budget-tips.pdf. If you are having issues with the budget software, check here first to see if it is addressed.

A brief recorded webinar has been created as an overview of the IDEA budget software and the minor changes that have been made. The PowerPoint is a pdf with speaker notes of the presentation.

- Recorded webinar: www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/av/fy12-budget-updates.wmv
- Companion PowerPoint (pdf) with Speaker Notes: www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pdf/fy12-budget-updates-ppt.pdf

All of this information, including a list of available budget software WUFAR functions, can be found at www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/grt-budget-software.html

IDEA allocation amounts can be found at http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/grt_flow.html (flow-through) and http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/grt_pren.html (preschool)